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## **Introduction**

Intelesens limited is a pioneering UK based medical technology company headquartered in Belfast Northern Ireland. Established in 2000 as a spin out from Ulster university intelesens has built a strong reputation the innovation in wearable health monitoring. The company is well known for designing and manufacturing defibrillators and ECS electrodes, supplying both clinical and OEM markets. According to research, evident to the intelesens (website dated to 2025), with ISO 13485: 2016 certification, intelesens guarantees high quality standards across its research, development and manufacturing process.

The company is now preparing to launch a new consumer facing wearable health device Watch, that tracks heart rate, oxygen saturation and sleep patterns. This strategic pivot is from clinical to consumer health technology reflects border trends in digital health and personal Wellness. The new product is expected to be released within six months, requiring perfectly coordinated stakeholder engagement to ensure timely delivery, regulatory compliance and market readiness. As Project Manager, my role is to continue to lead this initiative by aligning internal and external stakeholders, managing expectations, and fostering collaboration throughout the product lifecycle.

Therefore, this report outlines A strategic frameworks, stakeholders, roles, engagement mechanisms, and performance of valuation methods that will guide the successful launch of this innovative health technology products.

## **Strategic appraisal using SWOT and PESTLE Analysis**

**A SWOT analysis provides A structured framework to evaluate intelesens internal capabilities and external environment as it processes its launch for its wearable health device watch. Including a strategic appraisal at the launch of any new product is very vital. Intelesens has hosted a SWOT and PESTEL analysis that identifies the strengths and weaknesses. (Christodoulou, A. and Cullinane, K., 2019).**

### **Strengths**

Intelesens process a reboot of foundation in buying sensor technology, having developed a manufactured advanced ECG and defibrillator electrodes for over two decades. Delivering a reliable and clinically validated wearable device positioned by technical expertise. The organisations ISO 13485: 2016 certification validated adherence to stringent quality standards management systems, which is vital in the medical device industry. Furthermore, Intelesens has established global distribution networks, enabling access to key markets in Europe, Austlasia and North America. Its organisational lean structure allows for agility in decision-making and rapid prototyping, which is advantageous in fast-paced innovation cycles. Technical specialists and expertise IP in cardiac electrodes and sensor technology therefore resulting in credibility when developing wearable physiological sensing solutions.

### **Weaknesses**

However, despite its many technical strengths, intelesens faces several internal illuminations. The company has limited brand recognition in the consumer health technology space, which may hinder initial adoption.

Its beneficial workforce, comprising fewer than 10 employees, may struggle to scale operations quickly, especially in areas like customer support and logistics. In addition, the company has historically focused on B2B an OEM contracts lacking direct to customer marketing experience. This gap may hinder its ability to craft. Compelling narratives and build emotional connections with end users. Historically focused on clinical OEM supply and electrodes rather than consumer wearables, creating gaps in client product design, direct marketing experience and retail distribution.

### **Opportunities.**

A wearable watch device on the other hand, the global wearable health technology market is experiencing exponential growth driven by increased health awareness, ageing populations and the proliferation of digital health platforms. Intelesens can capitalize on this Pattern by offering advice that can collide clinical grade accuracy with user-friendly design. Integration with mobile applications and cloud-based analytics can enhance the devices valuable proposition, enabling users to track trends and shared data with healthcare providers. Planned and strategic collaborations with retailers, insurers and digital health platforms can expand distribution and create bundled service offerings. Additionally, the colossal rise of remote patient monitoring and Tele health presents opportunities for clinical integration. Growing consumer and NHS interest remote monitoring and care creates demand for validated clinically accurate wearables that bridge client convenience with medical-grade sensing. A wearable that emphasises clinical accuracy (SpO2, sleep, heart rate) can occupy a premium niche between commodity fitness trackers and medical monitoring.

### **Threats**

The wearable health device market is highly competitive, with dominant players like Apple, Fitbit and Garmin offering sophisticated ecosystems. These companies benefit from experience, brand loyalty, extensive R&D budgets and established retail channels. Regulatory complexity is another significant threat consumer health devices must comply with, involving standards from agencies such as the MHRA and GDPR. Lacking and failing to meet these standards could delay launch or result in penalties.

Cybersecurity risks can also pose a treat, as breaches could compromise sensitive health data and erode consumer trust. Finally, supply chain disruptions- exacerbated by global events- could impact component availability and production timelines.

This SWOT analysis underscores the importance of leveraging Intelesens strengths while proactively addressing its weaknesses and external threat. Strategic stakeholder engagement will be critical in navigating these dynamics and ensuring a successful product launch. Strong competitiveness from established global brands wearable and at a low profitable cost manufacturers that have dominion over retail channels and customer mindshare.

### **PESTLE Analysis**

**Political:** UK government support for digital health and NHS partnership is favourable, but Brexit-related regulatory divergence man confuses EU market access.

**Economic:** Inflation cost-of-living pressures may reduce discretionary spending on health and safety gadgets. However, the long-term cost saving possible preventive care may appeal to both consumers and healthcare providers.

**Social:** Ageing population, increased health cautiousness, and post pandemic focus on wellness drive demand for health intensively caring implements. Therefore, the launch of the new watch will tap into this evolving market segment because its beneficial for those curious about their health rate and with medical condition such as diabetes for example.

**Technological:** Advantages in biosensors, Bluetooth connectivity, and mobile health apps enable seamless user experience.

**Legal:** Compliance with GDPR, UKCA, and MHRA regulations is essentially crucial to escape legal and reputational risks.

**Environmental:** Consumers are increasingly eco-conscious; sustainable packaging and energy-efficient device can enhance and improve the brand appeal.

**Smart Objectives:**

**Specific:** Launch a watch, an intuitive, wearable health device that tracks heart rate, oxygen saturation, and sleep patterns within six months.

**Measurable:** Achieve 10,000 units sales and 90% customer satisfaction in the first quarter after launch.

**Achievable:** Leverage existing R&D, clinical skill, and renew health's distribution network.

**Relevant:** Aligns with InteleSense's strategic goal to expand into the consumer digital health store.

**Time-bound:** Complete stakeholder engagement and regulatory approval within 12 weeks; present product by April 2026.

## **Key Internal and External Stakeholders**

Identifying and having a knowledge of stakeholders is a foundational step in project management. Stakeholders are individuals or groups who can affect or are affected by project outcomes. For Intelesens wearable health device watch launch stakeholders are categorised into external and internal group based on their organisational influence and proximity.

### **Internal stakeholders**

**Product Development team:** This cross functional team includes biomedical engineers, software developers and UX designers. They're responsible front for translating clinical requirements into a functionable, user-friendly device-that is very easy to use-this requires a lot of time and thoughts within up this process and is also beneficial for the company. Intuitive devices can help this company overcome big brands mention such as Apple, Fitbit and Garmin. An audience such as elderly people would like a wearable health device intuitive to use to track their health. Engineering leads, firmware and responsible sensor engineers responsible for hardware and embedded software.

**Marketing Department:** The marketing development team ensures that the product resonates with target consumers and is tasked with developing the brand identity, marketing campaigns, and educational content. The digital marketing specialists, and creative teams are also responsible for positioning messaging and pre-launching campaigns.

**Sales team:** Responsible for building retail partnerships, negotiating, managing consumer acquisition channels and pricing strategies. Commercial leads, retail account managers and e-commerce teams establishing sales channels and partner agreements.

**Quality assurance and regulatory affairs:** This team ensures the device complies with medical and consumer health standard and liaises regulatory bodies and manages documentation; this includes product marketing managers, creative teams responsible for marketing specialists and pre-launch campaigns.

**Executive leadership:** Compromising senior managers, CFO and CEO. This group provides strategic oversight, allocates resources and approves key decisions. This row is very crucial and vital and plays a huge part within the company.

### **External stakeholders**

**Consumers:** The primary end users whose adoption and feedback will determine the products market to success; their needs and preferences must be central to design and marketing decisions.

**Retail Partners:** Online platforms, pharmacies and electronic stores that will be distributed at the device. The logistical capabilities and customer service standards influence the consumer experience, meaning that the way that this is presented and sold, impacts the customer's well-being. Online marketplaces, pharmacy partners and retail chains who will stock and distribute the device.

**Healthcare Providers:** General practitioners in clinicals who may recommend the device to patients, particularly those with cardiovascular or sleep related conditions; this includes primary care networks, sleep specialists, cardiologists who could integrate the device into care pathways.

**Regulatory bodies:** Agencies such as the MHRA and GDPR authorities that oversee device approval, safety and data protection compliances. Conformity assessment organisations that ensure device safety and compliance and medicines and healthcare products regulatory agency (MHRA).

**Technology vendors:** Providers of sensors software components cloud infrastructure that ensured the device functions and reliability securely.

Each, and every stakeholder group brings a beautiful and unique insight, expectations and influence. Engaging them efficiently requires tailored strategies that reflect their important roles by to interests and potential impact on the project; their collectively uniquely shape and product requirement, compliance, manufacturing scale, commercialization and long-term adoption; effective engagement across the mosaic is essential to deliver on the six-month launch timeline. (Azevedo, L., 2022).

## **Roles benefits and challenges of key stakeholders.**

Having a knowledge and understanding the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders is very vital to harnessing their potential and mitigating risk. Each stakeholder contributes uniquely to the success of Intelesens Wearable Health watch launch, giving different inputs and diverse ideas. (Hung, H., 2011)

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

**Product Development team:** This team is responsible for designing the device, hardware and software. Their tasks include buoyance biosensors, integrating, ensuring data accuracy, optimising battery life and refining. Terrifying user interference design they also collaborate with regulatory expertise to meet MHRA standards and conduct usability testing. Their beneficial because they deliver a technically robust wearable that meets performance targets and differentiates on sensor fidelity, however, something very challenging involves balancing clinical accuracy with consumer constraints (battery life, comfort) and meeting short prototype cycles under a six-month window.

**Marketing Department:** the marketing department crafting team crafts the brand identity, develops promotional campaigns and educates customers about the watch benefits. They conduct market segmentation, defiant buyer personas and manage digital outstretched through social media, e-mail and implements A partnerships which is a great benefit towards the company. A benefit of this is the driving awareness, acquisition and revenue; secures channels for distribution. The challenges that competing in an entrenched market with well-known brands, managing expectations for initial volumes and channel readiness.

**Sales team** Sales professionals negotiate with retail partners, set pricing strategies, and managing distribution logistics. They also gather marketing intelligence and customer feedback to inform future product iterations

**Quality assurance and regulatory affairs:** This team shows the devices meet safety and performance standards. They managed clear who trials, compiled technical documentation and liaise with regulatory bodies. Their role is critical in securing product certification and ensuring compliance with data protection regulations like GDPR. Something beneficial is that it reduces the risk of post-market actions, provides credibility for clinician uptake and supports marketing claims with evidence, although, a

challenge is when securing timely clinical sites, obtaining sufficient usability and pure safety data within compressed timelines, and navigating ambiguity if intended use straddles consumer and clinical domains.

**Executive Leadership:** The executive team provides strategic oversight and ensures that the project aligns with the company's long-term vision. They approve budgets, allocate resources, and make high-level decisions regarding partnerships, pricing, and market entry strategies.

**Consumers:** As end-users, consumers play a vital role in shaping the product's success. Their feedback during beta testing informs design improvements, and their reviews influence broader market adoption.

**Healthcare Providers:** These stakeholders may recommend the device to patients or integrate it into clinical workflows. Their endorsement lends credibility and can drive adoption among health-conscious consumers.

**Retail Partners:** These include pharmacies, electronics retailers, and ecommerce platforms. They are responsible for stocking, promoting, and selling the watch. Their customer service and logistical capabilities directly impact user satisfaction.

**Technology Vendors:** These suppliers provide the sensors, software, and cloud infrastructure that power the device. Their reliability and responsiveness are essential for maintaining product quality and uptime.

### **Benefits Stakeholders Bring**

**Innovation and expertise:** Internal teams bring technical and clinical knowledge, while external partners contribute market insights and distribution capabilities.

**Market Reach:** Retailers and sales teams extend the product's visibility and accessibility.

**Trust and Legitimacy:** Healthcare providers and regulatory compliance enhance consumers' confidence.

**Feedback and Iteration:** Consumers and clinicians provide real-world feedback that drives continuous improvement.

### **Challenges Stakeholders May Face**

**Conflicting Priorities:** For example, marketing may push for a rapid launch, while QA insists on extended testing. Balancing speed with safety is a recurring tension.

**Communication Barriers:** Technical jargon from developers may confuse non-technical stakeholders, leading to misalignment.

**Resource Constraints:** Small teams may be stretched thin, especially during peak development and launch phases.

**Resistance to Change:** Some stakeholders may be hesitant to adopt new tools or processes, particularly if they perceive them as risky and disruptive.

Proactively, stating these challenges and difficulties, through structured engagement and transparent communication will be beneficial to unlocking stakeholder value and ensuring project accomplishments. (Cottrell, E.K., Whitlock, E.P., Kato, E., et al 2015)

### Engagement frameworks, models and theories.

To manage stakeholder complexity and ensure alignment, a range of engagement frameworks and models will be applied. Therefore, these tools will provide consistency across the project lifecycle, consistency and structure.

### Stakeholder matrix

According to the stakeholder matrix, it categorises stakeholders based on their influence, interests and their level. This helps structure and prioritise engagement efforts and tailor communication strategies. (Gregory, A., 2007)

**Table 1 Stakeholder Matrix**

| Stakeholder                | Influence | Interest | Engagement Strategy     |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|
| Executive leadership.      | high      | high     | Manage closely.         |
| Product development team.  | high      | high     | Engaged actively.       |
| Marketing Department.      | Medium.   | high     | Keep informed.          |
| Sales team.                | Medium.   | Medium.  | Keep satisfied.         |
| QA and regulatory affairs. | high      | Medium.  | Manage closely.         |
| Consumers.                 | Low.      | high     | Keep informed.          |
| Retail Partners.           | Medium.   | high     | engage actively.        |
| Health care providers.     | Medium.   | Medium.  | Consult regularly.      |
| Technology vendors.        | Medium.   | Medium.  | Coordinate efficiently. |

This matrix will be reviewed and updated at each project milestone, reflecting above in Stakeholder Dynamics.

### Engagement plan.

An engagement plan ensures that stakeholders are involved at the right time in the right way.

**Initiation phase:** Engage executives and product leads to the find scope and Feasibility.

**Planning phase:** Consult QA, marketing and regulatory teams to align compliance and timelines.

**Development phase:** Involve healthcare providers and consumers in prototype testing and feedback.

**Launch phase:** Activate marketing, sales and retail partners for distribution and promotion.

**Post launch phase:** Monitor performance, connect feedback and plan updates.

### **Communication Plan.**

Effective communication is essential for stakeholder alignment. The plan includes:

**Weekly Standups:** Internal team share progress, next steps and blockers (so boundaries.)

**Monthly newsletters:** External stakeholders receive updates on launch, readiness and milestones.

**Real time dashboards:** Project status is visible to all contributors. For example, tools like Trello or monday.com.

**Feedback channels:** Focus groups, beta testing, provides structure inputs and surveys.

**Table 2 RACI Matrix**

The RACI model (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted and Informed) clarifies roles and responsibilities for key tasks. (Hartono, Y., Cahyo, W.N. and Immawan, T., 2024).

These tasks involve:

| Task                            | Responsible.                | Accountable.           | Consulted.                  | Informed.             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Product designing Manager       | Product Development Manager | Senior Manager.        | Regulatory manager          | Marketing Manager     |
| Campaigns                       | Marketing Advisor           | SeniorManager.         | Sales Advisor               | Customer service Team |
| Regulatory Approval Manager     | Marketing team.             | Senior Manager         | Product Development Manager | NHS Partners          |
| Distribution Operations Manager | Sales team.                 | Senior Manager         | Retail Partners.            | Marketing Manager     |
| Cost-Launch Support             | Customer Service            | Senior Management Team | Product Development Manager | Consumers             |

## Stakeholder Engagement Process & Conflict Management

This ensures transparency, proactive engagement across all phases of the project, and accountability. According to (moore,1986 cited in Gordon,1966) conflict is not necessarily bad, dysfunctional or abnormal, but it is a fact of life.

The engagement process unfolds across five key phrases. These are:

**Table 3 Engagement**

| Phase              | Activities                                         | Stakeholders Involved                           |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Initiation         | Scope definition, stakeholder mapping and planning | Executives product Team                         |
| Planning           | RACI setup, Engagement strategy                    | QA, Marketing, Sales, Regulatory Bodies         |
| Development        | Prototyping, Testing, compliance, feedback         | QA, Product team and healthcare Providers       |
| Launch preparation | Campaigns, beta testing and retail setup           | Marketing, Sales, Retail Partners and consumers |
| Post launch        | Feedback analysis, updates performance review      | All Stakeholders                                |

This Phases approach ensures that each stakeholder collaboration groups are engaged at the right time with the accurate level of intensity.

### Communication

Effective communication is the stakeholder's engagement cornerstone of stakeholder engagement.

#### Strategies include:

**Tailored messaging:** Technical updates for developers, regulatory briefs for QA, and promotional content for marketing.

**Multi-Channel Delivery:** Emails, dashboards, meetings, and surveys ensure accessibility.

**Feedback Mechanisms:** Beta testing, consumer surveys, and clinician interviews provide actionable insights.

Clear and visible communication reduces ambiguity, builds trust and prevents misunderstandings.

## **Coordination**

Coordination guarantees that stakeholder activities are aligned and interdependent tasks are synchronized:

**Share Timelines:** Gantt charts and project management tools visualize dependencies.

**Milestone Reviews:** Regular check-ins validate progress and adjust plans.

**Resource Allocation:** coordinated budgeting and staffing prevent bottlenecks.

Coordination minimizes delays and ensures that all teams work toward shared goals.

## **Cooperation**

Cooperation fosters mutual support and responsibility:

**Cross-Functional Workshops:** Joint sessions between marketing, sales, and product teams encourage empathy and idea exchange.

**Conflict Resolution Forums:** Safe spaces for airing concerns and negotiating solutions

**Recognition Programs:** Celebrating contributions boosts morale and engagement.

Cooperation transforms siloed efforts into unified momentum.

## **Collaboration**

Collaboration goes beyond cooperation by enabling co-creation:

**Co-Design Sessions:** Consumers and clinicians help shape product features.

**Joint Problem-Solving:** Teams tackle challenges together, from sensor calibration to app integration.

**Innovation Labs:** Rapid prototyping and testing foster agility and creativity.

Collaboration empowers stakeholders to take ownership and contribute meaningfully.

## **Conflict Management Using the 4Cs**

According to the evidence from 4c model, conflicts may arise due to differing priorities, resource constraints, or communication gaps. The 4Cs Model provides tools to manage these tensions:

**Communication:** Address misunderstandings early through open dialogue. For example, if marketing pushes for launch date that QA deems premature, a mediated discussion can clarify risks and explore phased rollouts.

**Coordination:** Realign timelines and expectations to reduce friction. Shared calendars and milestones tracking help teams stay synchronized.

**Cooperation:** Encourage compromise and shared accountability. If retail partners request packaging changes, involve both design and logistics teams to find feasible solutions.

**Collaboration:** Involve conflicting parties in solution design to foster buy-in. For instance, clinical accuracy with user simplicity.

By embedding the 4Cs into daily operations, Intelesens can transform potential conflicts into opportunities for innovation and alignment.

## **Impact on Business Performance and Recommendation**

Stakeholder engagement is a strategic lever that directly influences business performance, especially in high-stakes product launches like Intelesens wearable health watch. By fostering alignment, trust and collaboration. Engagement mechanisms enhance operational efficiency, product quality, and market responsiveness. (McAdam, R. and Bailie, B., 2002).

### **Impact on Business Performance**

#### **Accelerated Time-to-market**

Engaged stakeholders- particularly product developers, QA, and regulatory bodies- work in synchrony, reducing delays caused by miscommunication or rework. Coordinated efforts ensure that compliance, testing, and marketing milestones are met on schedule.

Using the KPI (Key Performance Indicators)

KPI: Milestone adherence rate (% of tasks completed on time)

Target: >90% or equal to

#### **Enhanced Product Quality**

Consumer and clinician feedback during beta testing leads to refinements in usability, comfort, and functionality. This iterative input loop ensures the device meets real-world needs.

KPI: Post-launch defect rate (issues reported per 1,000 units)

Target: < 2 or equal to

#### **Improved Brand Trust and Reputation**

Transparent communication with external stakeholders-especially consumers and healthcare provider-builds credibility. Endorsements from clinicians and positive user reviews strengthen brand equity.

KPI: Net Promoter score (NPS)

Target: >70 or equal to

#### **Revenue Growth and Market Penetration**

Sales and marketing teams, when engaged early, develop targeted campaigns and distribution strategies that resonate with consumers. Retail partnerships expand reach and accessibility.

KPI: First -quarter sales volume

Target: 10,000 units

### **Organizational Learning and Agility**

Cross – function collaboration fosters a culture on continuous improvement. Lessons learned from stakeholder interactions inform future projects and strategic decisions.

KPI: Stakeholder satisfaction score (via post-project survey)

Target: > 85% or equal to

### **Recommendations for Future Projects**

Invest in Stakeholder Engagement Platforms

Adopt digital tools like CRM systems, project dashboards, and feedback portals to streamline communication and track engagement metrics,

Example: use platforms like Monday.com or Jira for task coordination and stakeholder visibility. (Abdollahpouri, H., Adomavicius, G., Burke, R., 2020)

### **Embed Engagement Training Across Teams**

Equip staff with skills in active listening, empathy, and conflict resolution. This enhances interpersonal dynamics and reduces friction.

Suggested Format: Quarterly workshops and role-play simulations.

### **Establish Clear KPIs for Engagement**

Define measurable KPIs: Response time to stakeholder queries, number of feedback loops completed, stakeholder retention rate.

### **Create a Stakeholder Engagement Playbook**

Document best practices, templates (e.g. RACI charts, communication plans) and case studies from successful projects. This institutional knowledge supports consistency and scalability.

### **Foster a Culture of Inclusion and Co-Creation**

Encourage Stakeholders to participate not just in feedback but in ideation and decision making. This deepens commitment and innovation.

Example: Host innovation sprint with mixed teams of developers, marketers, and consumers.

### **Plan for Post -launch Engagement**

Stakeholder engagement should continue beyond the launch. Establish channels for ongoing support, updates, and product update newsletters.

By implementing these recommendations Intelesens can institutionalize stakeholder engagement as a core competency, driving sustained performance and innovation.

## Conclusion

To conclude, Stakeholder engagement is not merely a project management tool- it is a strategic imperative for successful product launches in healthcare technology.

Intelesens, with its strong technical foundation and emerging consumer ambitions, stands to benefit immensely from a structured, inclusive, and adaptive engagement approach. By leveraging models like the stakeholder matrix, RACI, and the 4Cs framework, the project manager can navigate complexities, foster collaboration, and drive performance.

The upcoming wearable watch represents more than a technological innovation-it is a convergence of clinical insight, consumer empowerment, and digital transformation. Engaging stakeholders early and consistently will ensure that the product is not only launched on time but resonates with its intended users. As Intelesens evolves, embedding stakeholder engagement into its culture will be key to sustaining growth and impact in the competitive health tech landscape.

This report has outlined the strategic frameworks, stakeholder roles, engagement mechanisms, and performance evaluation methods necessary for a successful launch. By applying these insights, Intelesens can deliver a product that meets regulatory standards, satisfies consumer needs, and positions the company for long-term success in the digital health arena. Launching a wearable device that monitors heart rate, oxygen saturation and sleep requires more than technical ingenuity; it demands disciplined, strategic stakeholder engagement across clinical, regulatory, manufacturing, commercial and end-user domains. Intelesens' core strengths in sensor technology and manufacturing provide a credible foundation, but success depends on bridging gaps in consumer product design, software capability and retail distribution. A structured approach- mapping stakeholders with a power-interest lens, formalising engagement through a documented plan and RACI roles, and operating under the 4C's.

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